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EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ETRD DN  
SUBJ: MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 79980

1. YOUR LETTER FO FOREIGN MINISTER K.B.ANDERSEN (REFTEL) WAS  
DELIVERED ON MARCH 29.

1. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY LATER TO DISCUSS THE CONTENTS OF THE  
LETTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY ERSBOLL AND HIS  
DEPUTY OTTO MOLLER, BOTH OF WHOM WILL ACCOMPANY FOREIGN MINISTER  
ANDERSEN TO THE APRIL 4 EC COUNCIL MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG. (OTTO  
MOLLER CURRENTLY CHAIRS THE EC 113 COMMITTEE AND WILL BE THE  
DANISH PRESIDENCY REPRESENTATIVE AT THE APRIL 10 MTN MEETING IN  
GENEVA.)

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3. ERSBOLL AND MOLLER REPORTED THAT THE CRUX OF THE DISCUSSION OF  
THE MTN AGENDA ITEM ON APRIL 4 WILL BE WITHDRAWALS AND IMPROVE-  
MENTS OF THE EC TARIFF OFFER. FRANCE, THEY SAID, IS THE ONLY EC  
MEMBER NOW PRESSING FOR WITHDRAWALS. ITALY AND THE UK, FORMERLY  
FIRM ADVOCATES AS WELL, ARE NOW HESITANT AND ARE NO LONGER  
PUSHING FOR WITHDRAWALS.

4. THE DANISH VIEW, WHICH ANDERSEN WILL PROBABLY ADVANCE AT THE EC COUNCIL MEETING, IS THAT BOTH WITHDRAWALS AND IMPROVEMENTS SHOULD BE PUT ON THE TABLE NOW SO THAT THE UNITED STATES ESPECIALLY, BUT ALSO JAPAN, CAN MAKE A REALISTIC EVALUATION OF THE EC TARIFF OFFER. ERSBOLL PREDICTED THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD AGREE TO "PLAY THESE TWO CARDS", IE, THAT THE EC WOULD GIVE THE US AND JAPAN LISTS OF ITS IMPROVEMENTS AND ITS WITHDRAWALS, BOTH OF WHICH WILL BE READY AT THE TIME OF THE APRIL 4 COUNCIL MEETING. (THEY STATED THAT THERE IS A REAL POSSIBILITY THAT THE EC 113 COMMITTEE WILL MEET AT THE SAME TIME AS THE COUNCIL IN ORDER TO HANDLE PROBLEMS ON THIS ISSUE THAT MIGHT ARISE.)

5. ERSBOLL AND MOLLER WILL BE RETURNING TO COPENHAGEN ON APRIL 5 AND HAVE OFFERED TO GIVE ME A READOUT THAT EVENING ON THE RESULTS OF THE EC COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS OF MTN. I WILL THEREFORE BE ABLE TO BRIEF YOU ON THIS MATTER WHEN YOU REACH COPENHAGEN ON APRIL 6.

6. ERSBOLL INFORMED ME THAT ALL OF THE MAJOR DETAILS FOR YOUR MEETINGS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER HAVE BEEN ARRANGED AND THAT A DEFINITIVE SCHEDULE WILL BE GIVEN TO ME WITHIN NEXT DAY OR TWO.

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